



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6768**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS  
FUNCTION AS POSTSECONDARY CAREER SCHOOLS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 As used in sections 10a-22a to 10a-22y, inclusive:

4 (1) "Private occupational school" means a postsecondary career  
5 school operated by a person, board, association, partnership,  
6 corporation, limited liability company or other entity offering  
7 instruction in any form or manner in any trade, industrial, commercial,  
8 service, professional or other occupation, including, but not limited to,  
9 a hospital-based occupational school, hairdressing school and barber  
10 school, for any remuneration, consideration, reward or promise of  
11 whatever nature, except "private occupational school" shall not include  
12 (A) instruction offered under public supervision and control; (B)  
13 instruction conducted by a firm or organization solely for the training  
14 of its own employees or members; or (C) instruction offered by a  
15 school authorized by the General Assembly to confer degrees;

16 (2) "Additional classroom site" means a facility that (A) is  
17 geographically located close to the school or branch that oversees the  
18 site, such that students must utilize services provided at such school or  
19 branch, (B) conducts permanent or temporary educational activities,

20 and (C) offers courses or full programs of study;

21 (3) "Branch" means a subdivision of a school (A) located at a  
22 different facility and geographical site from the school, except for a site  
23 that is an additional classroom site as determined by the executive  
24 director, or the executive director's designee, and (B) that (i) offers one  
25 or more complete programs leading to a diploma or certificate; (ii)  
26 operates under the school's certificate of operation; (iii) meets the same  
27 conditions of authorization as the school; and (iv) exercises  
28 administrative control and is responsible for its own academic affairs;  
29 and

30 (4) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Office of  
31 Higher Education.

32 Sec. 2. Subsections (h) and (i) of section 10a-22b of the general  
33 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
34 (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

35 (h) Any hospital offering postsecondary career instruction in any  
36 form or manner in any trade, industrial, commercial, service,  
37 professional or other occupation for any remuneration, consideration,  
38 reward or promise, except to hospital employees, members of the  
39 medical staff and training for contracted workers, shall obtain a  
40 certificate of authorization from the executive director for the  
41 occupational instruction offered. Each hospital-based occupational  
42 school submitting an application for initial authorization shall pay an  
43 application fee of two hundred dollars made payable to the private  
44 occupational school student protection account. The executive director  
45 shall develop a process for prioritizing the authorization of hospital-  
46 based occupational schools based on size and scope of occupational  
47 instruction offered. Such schools shall be in compliance with this  
48 section when required pursuant to the executive director's process, or  
49 by 2012, whichever is earlier.

50 (i) Any program, school or other entity offering postsecondary

51 career instruction in any form or manner in barbering or hairdressing  
 52 for any remuneration, consideration, reward or promise shall obtain a  
 53 certificate of authorization from the executive director of the Office of  
 54 Higher Education for the occupational instruction offered. Each  
 55 program, school or entity approved on or before July 1, 2013, by the  
 56 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and  
 57 Cosmeticians pursuant to chapter 368 or 387 that submits an  
 58 application for initial authorization shall pay an application fee of five  
 59 hundred dollars made payable to the private occupational school  
 60 student protection account. The executive director of the Office of  
 61 Higher Education shall develop a process for prioritizing the  
 62 authorization of such barber and hairdressing programs, schools and  
 63 entities. Such programs, schools and entities shall be in compliance  
 64 with this section on or before July 1, 2015, or when required pursuant  
 65 to the executive director's process, whichever is earlier. No person,  
 66 board, association, partnership corporation, limited liability company  
 67 or other entity shall establish a new program, school or other entity  
 68 that offers instruction in any form or manner in barbering or  
 69 hairdressing on or after July 1, 2013, unless such person, board,  
 70 association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or  
 71 other entity first receives from the executive director of the Office of  
 72 Higher Education a certificate authorizing the barbering or  
 73 hairdressing occupational instruction to be offered in accordance with  
 74 the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	10a-22a
Sec. 2	July 1, 2015	10a-22b(h) and (i)

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*